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SUBJECT: SENATOR SALONGA CLEARED FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL

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- 1. OPPOSITION LEADER JOVITO SALONGA HAS NOW RECEIVED OFFICIAL CLEARANCE TO TRAVEL ABROAD AND PLANS TO DEPART MANILA ON AUGUST 7 FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH. IN EARLY JULY (REFTEL), SALONGA HAD TOLD EMBOFFS HIS REQUEST FOR TRAVEL CLEARANCE TO ATTEND A LATE AUGUST CONFERENCE IN GENEVA, SPONSORED BY WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, HAD BEEN DENIED BY THE GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HE INTENDED TO APPEAL THE REJECTION TO THE SUPREME COURT. ON AUGUST 1, HOWEVER, SALONGA'S BROTHER SERAFIN VISITED EMBOFF TO GET NIV FOR SALONGA'S SON RICARDO. SERAFIN SAID IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER EDMUNDO REYES HAD UNDERTAKEN TO GET NECESSARY EXIT CLEARANCES FOR SALONGA FAMILY. SALONGA'S WIFE CONFIRMED AUGUST 2 THAT EXIT PERMIT HAD BEEN OBTAINED AND THAT SENATOR AND MRS. SALONGA AND SON RICARDO EXPECT TO LEAVE MANILA AUGUST 7.
- 2. ACCORDING TO SERAFIN, THE SALONGAS WILL VACATION BRIEFLY IN KASHMIR, THEN VISIT ATHENS, GENEVA (FOR THE WCC CONFERENCE), COLOGNE, AMSTERDAM, LONDON, NEW YORK, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO AND HONOLULU BEFORE CONFIDENTIAL

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